Amalgamation of the Magisterial and Revenue Staffs.

21. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the G. O. amalgamating the staff of the Magistrates' Courts with that of the Revenue Department; and

(*b*) whether that G. O. has any retrospective effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) A copy‡ of the G. O. is laid on the table.

(*b*) No.

Issue of copies of records in the Magistrates' Courts.

22. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the pay of Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts and of the Head Clerks in the Magistrates' Courts;

(*b*) whether the Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts are authorised to issue attested copies of records under their signature;

(*c*) whether any of the Head Clerks in any Second Class Magistrates' Courts is empowered to issue attested copies of records under his signature; and

(*d*) whether the Head Clerk of the Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kottar is empowered to issue copies under his signature?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The pay of Examiners in the Munsiffs' Courts, who are generally clerks, is Rs. 20-1/2-25. The pay of Head Clerks in the Stationary Magistrates' Courts is Rs. 25-3/2-40.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know who supplied that answer to Government?

PRESIDENT: May I suggest the proper form, for that question, to the member? The member can ask whether the Government hold themselves responsible for that answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Do the Government hold themselves responsible for part (*d*) of the answer?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I ask why, while Examiners of Munsiff's Courts are empowered to grant attested copies of records under their own signatures, the Head Clerks of Second Class Magistrates' Courts are not allowed to do it?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule. I cannot say now why the rule was framed like that.

PRESIDENT: You say that that procedure is followed under a Rule.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

‡ *Vide* Appendix III.

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Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 21]

Letter No. Fl./Standn.462, dated the 1st July 1935, from the Financial Secretary to Government to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, Travancore.

Sir,

With reference to your letters C. No. 1694/35 dated 27th May 1935, and R. O. C. No. 1694/35 dated 7th June 1935, *re* the difficulties brought to notice in the application of the principles laid down in para 11 of G. O. R. O. C. No. 680/35-1/Gl., dated 16th April 1935, on the standardisation of salaries, in the matter of recruitment and promotions to the ministerial staff in the Land Revenue Department and in the Stationary Magistrates' courts, I have the honour to inform you that G. O. R. Dis. 893/Gl. dated 25th June 1935 on the question of recruitment to the Public Service recently issued makes provision for the initial recruitment of the staff in the departments. Subject to the instructions contained in this G. O., Government sanction the following procedure being adopted with effect from 1-10-1110 in the matter of promotions of the Pakuthi staff, the clerical staff of the Revenue Department and the staff of the Magistrates' courts:—

(i) For the purpose of promotions among Proverthicars and Pakuthi Accountants, each Division may be treated as a unit and the Division Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, may be authorised to make promotions among them.

(ii) The staff of the Magistrates' courts, working under the Division Peishkar-District Magistrates, may be amalgamated with the staff of the Revenue Department and included in the general gradation list of the Department for purposes of promotion.

(iii) Gradation lists of the permanent and acting hands brought up-to-date for the whole department may be maintained in the Land Revenue Commissioner's office and copies of the same supplied to all Division Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam. Changes in the gradation list may be intimated to the Division Peishkar and the Commissioner, Devicolam, by correction slips at the close of every month.

(iv) Promotions to permanent vacancies or temporary vacancies of more than three months' duration in the grades within his powers of appointment may be ordered by the Land Revenue Commissioner in the order of seniority according to the gradation list of the whole department and in the proportion of three graduates to one undergraduate where such a proportion has been ordered to be maintained. The instructions already issued in G. O. No. Fl./Standn. 335, dated 17-6-1935, should also be kept in view.

(v) The Division Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, may be authorised to make temporary promotions in the grades within their powers of appointment to vacancies not exceeding three months from the hands working in their respective Divisions according to seniority, on the distinct understanding that such acting will not confer any claim for seniority on the men so appointed to act.

I have &c.,

Sd./—C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR,
Ag. Financial Secretary to Government

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